

# Student Outcomes Information for Policy-Making <sup>(1997)</sup>

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- *What are today's pressing postsecondary policy concerns at the campus, state, and national levels?*
- *What student outcome measures are critical to inform these issues?*

## About This Report

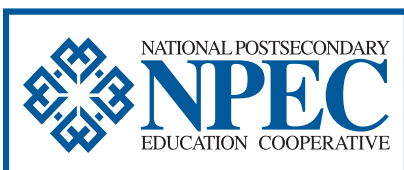
Student outcomes are being used increasingly to measure educational effectiveness and institutional accountability. Researchers and institutional leaders can use student outcome data to reshape current higher education policies, but first they must determine which outcome measures are most critical. *Student Outcomes Information for Policy-Making* identifies those outcomes with the greatest potential for informing policy-making in postsecondary education. First, the report identifies a range of policy concerns in postsecondary education, along with a list of possible student outcome measures. Criteria are set for selecting which data measures will best inform policy, and, therefore, which measures should be priorities in student outcomes research.

## Who Can Use This Report

Policymakers, postsecondary education leaders, and researchers interested in linking student outcomes data to policy decisions will find this publication an invaluable resource, guiding research processes and priorities.

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